has been accepted by the Government and the UGC has been directed to implement the recommendations contained therein.

DTH license

727. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 4109 given in Rajya Sabha on the 2nd May, 2005 and state:

(a) whether M/s Space T.V. has since furnished the requisite details to facilitate further examination of their application for grant of DTH license;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any final decision has been taken by Government in the matter;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Space TV furnished the revised shareholder's agreement between M/s, Tata Sons and M/s Network Digital Distribution Services (NDDS) as per the requirements of DTH guideline and provisions of the Companies Act, 1956.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Government has issued Letter of Intent (lol) to M/s Space TV on 17.5.2005.

(e) Does not arise.

License for DTH service

728. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some private companies have applied for license to provide Direct to Home (DTH) service;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the existing DTH companies and their area of operations; and

(d) the terms and conditions proposed to new applicants for DTH services?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JA1PAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following private companies have applied for license for DTH Service:—

(i) M/s. ASC Enterprises Ltd.;

(ii) M/s. Space TV Pvt. Ltd.;

(iii) M/s. Sun Direct TV Pvt. Ltd.;

(iv) M/s. Essel Shyam Communication Pvt. Ltd.;

(v) M/s. Noida Software Technology Park (P) Ltd.; and

(vi) Reliance Sky Magic Pvt. Ltd.

(c) Only M/s. ASC Enterprises is presently operating Direct-to-Home (DTH) Service in India.

(d) The original guidelines indicating terms and conditions for operating DTH service in India were issued on 15.3.2001. The Government has issued an Oder dated 1.6.2005 adding some terms & conditions to the said guidelines. Both the original and added guidelines are available on the Ministry's website (www.mib.nic.in).

Coverage of AIR/DD

†729. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for expanding the coverage of the All India Radio and the Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.